

## APPENDIX B: PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENT

This appendix contains all the documentation for the public participation for the FY2020–2023 TIP.

GVMC staff forwarded all public comments regarding specific projects to the relevant jurisdictions and the technical and policy committee members. GVMC staff received 16 phone calls from the public involvement process. When necessary, staff provided individuals with contact information to individual jurisdictions if they had specific questions that staff were not able to answer.

**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 1:50 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Ivanrest Improvements

Hi Gerd,

Thanks so much for taking the time to review the draft project list for the 2020-2023 TIP, and for providing your feedback. I don't have all the details on the exact engineering and design for this project – all I have is that it is a resurfacing project – but your comments and concerns will be provided to the local jurisdiction responsible for construction of this project, in this case the City of Grandville, for their review as part of the TIP development process. I will be forwarding your email to Grandville momentarily and asking them to reach out to you to address your questions/concerns. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix of the TIP document.

Please let me know if you have additional feedback/questions. Thanks again for participating in this process!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 10:42 AM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org>  
**Subject:** Ivanrest Improvements

I live off Ivanrest in Grandville and work on the corner of Ivanrest and Prairie.

I have heard there are plans to put a bike lane and a left turn lane in on this road. I think currently, there is too much traffic for that configuration. There are plenty of trucks, particularly since West Michigan CDL uses this road as a training route. I do not see any reason for truck traffic to come down Ivanrest. It is a very suburban and residential road, for the most part. Trucks over a certain weight should be banned.

I bicycle and drive down this road all the time. Feel free to call for more input.

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**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 1:57 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Form Submission - New Form

Hi Michael,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program project list and providing your feedback. Your comments will be shared with the local jurisdiction responsible for construction of the project – in this case the City of Grand Rapids – for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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**From:** Andrea Faber  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 11:36 AM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: Form Submission - New Form

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**From:** Squarespace [<mailto:no-reply@squarespace.info>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 12:27 PM  
**To:** Andrea Faber  
**Subject:** Form Submission - New Form

**Name:** Michael Lown

**Company:** Diocese of Grand Rapids

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:** I am concerned about the Division Ave reconstruction project slated for this summer between Wealthy Ave & Cherry St. While I am very supportive of bump outs to reduce the distance a pedestrian has to walk in the street I have not seen where the bump outs will be on the east side of the street at Goodrich Street. If the bump out is on the south side of Goodrich you will be creating additional traffic and pedestrian endangerment because at the end of the school day, Catholic Central parents line up and stack onto the east side should of Division north of Wealthy St in front of Cathedral Square before turning east onto Goodrich. A bump

out on the south side will require those vehicles to turn back into the traffic lane on northbound Division in order to simply make the turn onto Goodrich.

**Would you like to be added to our consultation list?:** No

**Would you like to be added to our public involvement list?:** No

(Sent via [Grand Valley Metro Council](#))

**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 11:45 AM  
**To:** 'holly orians'  
**Subject:** RE: TIP Comment

Hi Holly,

Thank you so much for providing your feedback on the draft TIP project list – construction season can definitely be a tricky time to get around the region. Your comments will be reviewed by the local jurisdictions as part of the TIP development process and will be included in an appendix in the TIP document as well.

Thanks again!

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**From:** holly orians [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2019 5:36 PM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** TIP Comment

Hi there

I viewed all the projects that are proposed-and that it a lot of work. My concern is the city will just be one big construction zone like last summer especially if this is happening when the 196/Beltline project is also happening. It is already difficult enough to get around the city and surrounding areas when summer is here-it takes away from my family enjoying downtown-I just stay away and spend my money outside of Grand Rapids because I can't access where I want to go.

I understand the need for construction, but all at once and all summer is just too much!

Thanks

Holly Orians

Collindale resident

**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 1:37 PM  
**To:** 'Eric P Simone'  
**Subject:** RE: GVMC Construction feedback

Hi Eric,

Thank you so much for taking the time to provide your feedback on the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program. Your comments will be passed along to and reviewed by the local jurisdictions/agencies responsible for the construction of the projects as part of the TIP development process – in the case of the project you are referring to, that will be MDOT. Your feedback will also be included in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again!

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**From:** Eric P Simone [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 11:19 AM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** GVMC Construction feedback

Good morning Laurel,

Today, I received a postcard in the mail informing me that I should review construction plans and provide feedback with any concerns no later than March 20, 2019. I am writing today to convey the following concerns:

- I purchased my home located at 38 E Beltline Ave SE, Grand Rapids MI 49506 in September of 2013. I am very fond of my home, and despite what others may think at times, the location is ideal. At certain times in the past, there has been construction done on the Beltline during the late hours of the night- anywhere from 11am all the way to 3 or 4am the next morning! The incredibly loud noise of putting saw blades through concrete, repaving, beeping from machinery, etc, contributed to a severe lack of sleep whenever this occurred. As the significant other and I go to work early each morning (leaving around 5:30am or 7:00am in my case), I cannot fathom having this continue for any extended duration of time. I understand it is a busy road, however, construction should be done during daytime hours that are not peak traffic times (morning/evening rush) and not overnight when working next to residential areas.
- If you are redoing the road directly in front of my home as outlined on the map, the access road has a curb immediately in front of the driveway to my house that needs to be ground down similar to the entrance into my neighbors' driveways. I have to use theirs currently in order to not destroy and have to replace my tie-rods / sway bar on a regular basis... Could this note be added to the construction please?

To clarify- in front of my house, there are two lanes, a right turn lane, and then the access road separated from the street by a curb. The mail vehicle and garbage vehicle use this in addition to residents to access their homes.

I appreciate you taking the time to hear out my thoughts on this, and hope to hear something back from you soon.

Thank you,  
Eric Simone  
Director of Orientation | Marketing & Events  
Ferris State University

**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Debra Sportel [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 17, 2019 5:26 PM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph  
**Subject:** Re: Allseason

Thank you very much for your prompt reply and the concise description of what all season means.

Sent from my iPad

> On Mar 15, 2019, at 1:51 PM, Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org> wrote:

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> Hi Rand,

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> Thanks so much for your question and for taking the time to review the draft project list for the 2020-2023 transportation improvement program. I spoke with the Kent County Road Commission about the term all season and they told me that it has to do with the legal loads that are allowed to be carried on the roads (for trucking I imagine). When a road is not built to all season specifications, trucks have to reduce their load by 30% to drive on it, especially during this thawing time to not cause damage to the roadway. When water comes up through cracks in the road during the spring, that indicates freezing has happened directly below the surface, which can increase the damage the freeze/thaw cycle can have on the pavement. To get it up to all season standards, the road commission will increase the drainage under the road to help ensure that no freezing is happening directly below the surface. They also typically add a 4ft paved shoulder, which doesn't impact drainage, but does provide for easier maintenance of the road and provide some consideration for bicycles/pedestrians.

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> I hope this helps answer your question. Thanks again for reaching out!

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Debra Sportel [REDACTED]  
> Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:10 AM  
> To: Andrea Faber  
> Subject: Allseason

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> Just curious what the term allseason refers to for 84th Street between Breton and Hanna Lake.  
> I didn't see a glossary of terms which would define that term.

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> Thanks,

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> Rand Sportel

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> Sent from my iPad



**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 2:01 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Form Submission - New Form

Hi Mitri,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program project list and providing your feedback. Your comments will be shared with the local jurisdiction responsible for construction of the project – in this case the City of Grand Rapids – for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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**From:** Squarespace [<mailto:no-reply@squarespace.info>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 4:32 PM  
**To:** Andrea Faber  
**Subject:** Form Submission - New Form

**Name:** Mitri Zainea

**Company:** retired elementary principal

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Comment:** Regarding resurfacing Collindale Ave NW between Leonard and Lake Michigan, this is sorely needed. I suggest widening the road in order to accomodate bicycles and pedestrians on both sides. Even though it is very dangerous to walk on the side of the road people still do it. I hope widening this road will be taken into consideration.

**Would you like to be added to our consultation list?:** Yes

**Would you like to be added to our public involvement list?:** Yes

(Sent via [Grand Valley Metro Council](#))

**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 2:06 PM  
**To:** 'Dawn Staskievitz-Cantley'  
**Subject:** RE: TIP - 44th Street

Hi Dawn,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program project list and providing your feedback. I believe there is usually a plan in place to allow continued access for residents/visitors during construction either with temporary lane markings or other means, but your comments will be shared with the local jurisdiction responsible for construction of the project – in this case the City of Kentwood – for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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**From:** Dawn Staskievitz-Cantley [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 8:41 AM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** TIP - 44th Street

Good morning,

I just have one question about the TIP on 44<sup>th</sup> street between Shaefer and Breton, how are the people that live in Cobblestone at the Ravines supposed to get out of our subdivision? There is only one exit and it is on 44<sup>th</sup> street, we can only go one way...west with no access to be able to cross over to the east bound lanes. We will be trapped when construction is being done on the west bound lanes.

Thank you!

*Dawn R Staskievitz-Cantley*

Controller  
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[REDACTED]

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**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 2:13 PM  
**To:** 'Gary Elve'  
**Subject:** RE: Sunset Hills

Hi Gary,

Thanks so much for reaching out. It looks like the project that might be closest to you is a resurfacing project on Leonard Street from Kinney to Remembrance. This project is currently on the illustrative list, which means that no funding is tied to it currently, but that it is a priority should additional funding become available during 2020-2023.

Your comments will be shared with the local jurisdictions for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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**From:** Gary Elve [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 9:33 AM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org>  
**Subject:** Sunset Hills

I received a notice from gvmc on work that will take place in the future, I live on Sunset Hills N.W. Could you tell me what's going to happen?

Gary Elve  
[REDACTED]

**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 2:26 PM  
**To:** 'Greg Downer'  
**Subject:** RE: TIP Projects Between 2020-2023

Hi Greg,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program project list and for providing your feedback. The projects listed on the illustrative list you are referring to do not currently have funding attached to them due to financial constraints of the program, but are listed as priorities (with their estimated costs) if additional funds become available during 2020-2023 that would allow additional projects to be added to the TIP.

Your comments will be shared with the local jurisdictions for their review as part of the TIP development process, and your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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**From:** Greg Downer [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, March 15, 2019 11:33 AM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <laurel.joseph@gvmc.org>  
**Subject:** TIP Projects Between 2020-2023

Ms. Joseph, thank you for the notification regarding the above subject item. I've downloaded and read all the attachments found on the GVMC website.

Of special interest to me was the section labelled "STP-Urban Pool of Projects Unfunded" found in Item V: Attachment C. The first 3 ½ pages of the Attachment is of particular importance because it addresses the streets I travel on every day, many of which are in desperate need of repair.

Can you clarify, is this a wish list of projects (thus the reference to being unfunded), or as the attachment suggests, have funds been allocated? There are two column one labelled as "Federal/State" and one labelled "Non-Fed" that have dollar figures associated with each line item which would lead one to believe funds have been allocated.

Thank you for your time.

Gregory Downer  
[REDACTED]



**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 1:25 PM  
**To:** 'Jefferson Seaver'  
**Subject:** RE: TIP Projects

Gotcha. Well, thank you for participating in this process. Feel free to reach out any time.

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**From:** Jefferson Seaver [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 12:48 PM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: TIP Projects

Since it sounds unlikely that there will be work done directly in front of our building during the time frame, I doubt there is anything for me to weigh in on. It sounds like we'll still be able to get in and out of our driveway from the West.



On Mar 20, 2019, at 8:32 AM, Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)> wrote:

Hi Jeff,

It's hard to say – the current federal transportation funding bill will be up for reauthorization in 2020, I believe, so it really depends on what the feds do. If they increase transportation funding, we might have more to work with, but if they don't it will probably be unlikely we'll have extra funds available for illustrative list projects. However, it also potentially depends on what happens with other City of GR projects; if one of their programmed projects runs into a snag that would delay it from moving forward, they might propose to switch it out with something on the illustrative list. If you'd like to talk to someone from the City directly about this, there should be someone available at our public meeting for the draft TIP project list next Monday, March 25 at 5:30p at Rapid Central Station.

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**From:** Jefferson Seaver [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:59 PM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: TIP Projects

What is the likelihood of funds being available for the part of Wealthy west of Ethel within the 2020-2023 period? High, medium, low, very unlikely?



On Mar 19, 2019, at 1:21 PM, Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)> wrote:

Hi Jeff,

Thanks so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 TIP project list, and for reaching out. Yes, there is a proposed 2023 project to reconstruct Wealthy Street from Ethel to the east city limit. The other parts of Wealthy that show up on the illustrative list do not currently have dedicated funding associated with them due to the financial constraints of the program, but are listed as priorities if additional funding becomes available during the 2020-2023 time period.

Thanks again for your feedback. Your comments will be reviewed by the local jurisdictions as part of the TIP development process and will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions/comments.

Thanks,

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**From:** Andrea Faber  
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**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** FW: TIP Projects

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**From:** Jefferson Seaver [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 18, 2019 2:47 PM  
**To:** Andrea Faber <[andrea.faber@gvmc.org](mailto:andrea.faber@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** TIP Projects

Hi Andrea,

I received a postcard mailer about a TIP hearing. My business is at [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I see that there is a project listed in the Draft project list for Wealthy Street between Ethel and ECL which I assume is the East Grand Rapids city line. Sections of Wealthy that are west of Ethel are shown as gray on the TIP map and that stretch is in the Illustrative Projects doc. Does being in the Illustrative Projects doc mean that the sections of Wealthy that are west of Ethel won't be address in the the 2020-2023 time frame?

Thanks for your help.

Jeff

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**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 8:29 AM  
**To:** 'Mitchell Bart'  
**Subject:** RE: Division Ave Construction Wealthy/Cherry

Hi Mitch,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft 2020-2023 transportation improvement program project list and providing your feedback. Your comments/concerns will be shared with the local jurisdiction responsible for construction of the project – in this case the City of Grand Rapids – for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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**From:** Mitchell Bart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 20, 2019 8:49 AM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** Division Ave Construction Wealthy/Cherry

Laurel,

I think the overall plan for Division Ave. is good, I am concerned about the corner of Division and Goodrich. Catholic Central parents line up and stack on the east side curb line of Division - North of Wealthy St in front of Cathedral Square before turning East onto Goodrich. The attached plan map has both a bump out and a median which will require those vehicles to pull back into the traffic lane on Northbound Division in order to simply make the turn onto Goodrich. I think this will create a pinch point and much more additional congestion at that corner. I wonder if the bump out on the SE corner of Division/Goodrich could be eliminated?

Thanks for your consideration.

Mitch Bart

**Mitch Bart | Facilities Manager**  
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We are excited to announce that we have officially transitioned from DioceseofGrandRapids.org to GRdiocese.org! Please visit our new website and make note that my email address has been updated to reflect this change.

**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Dan Green [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019 1:34 PM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph  
**Subject:** RE: TIP 2020 - 2023 Comment

Thank you for the explanation. Take care.

Dan Green  
Chief Planning Officer  
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi

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**From:** Laurel Joseph [mailto:[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 10, 2019 12:46 PM  
**To:** Dan Green [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: TIP 2020 - 2023 Comment

Dan,

Moving a project from the illustrative list to the programmed TIP list involves the local jurisdiction making a formal request including the source of the funds for the project and year they'd like it to be programmed. This will be processed as a proposed amendment to the TIP that would require review and recommendation by the Technical Committee and approval of the Policy Committee before it is submitted for federal approval. The public involvement process for these types of amendments involves a web posting with the Committee meeting agendas and an opportunity for public comment at each of the Committee meetings.

Based on a follow up response I got from the City when I sent them your comments, it does appear this project is a high priority for them if funding comes through.

Thanks again for reaching out.

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**From:** Dan Green [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2019 3:35 PM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** RE: TIP 2020 - 2023 Comment

Laurel – I appreciate the response. As a follow-up, can you tell me what the process is for a road project to be moved out of the illustrative list and onto the “main” list. Obviously my fear is that budgets will never support illustrative list projects. Thank you for your time.

Dan Green  
Chief Planning Officer  
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi

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**From:** Laurel Joseph [<mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 9, 2019 1:33 PM  
**To:** Dan Green [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: TIP 2020 - 2023 Comment

Dan,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft FY2020-2023 TIP proposed project list and providing your feedback. It looks like the project you are referring to is currently listed on the illustrative list, which means it does not have any funding currently attached to it, but is listed as a priority should additional funds become available during 2020-2023 that would allow additional projects to be added to the TIP.

Your comments will be shared with the local jurisdictions, including the City of Grand Rapids, for their review as part of the TIP development process. Your feedback will also be listed in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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**From:** Dan Green [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2019 9:53 AM  
**To:** Andrea Faber  
**Subject:** TIP 2020 - 2023 Comment  
**Importance:** High

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council  
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Dear Ms. Faber -

During the previous TIP process I submitted my support for the State Street (Madison to Lafayette) reconstruction. I will again restate my support for this project to be moved up on the priority list. Growth and improvements have taken place in the form of businesses, and living space along this corridor. This has created more vehicular traffic as well as more pedestrian traffic. The PASER rating (n=4) is a generous rating and clearly shows the conditional deficiency of this roadway. This project received some momentum in the designing, public input process, etc. a few years ago but did not move forward. Please reconsider the volume of traffic, volume of pedestrians, and the condition of this roadway and include this project in the very next phase of reconstruction.

Thank you for your time,

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**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 2:38 PM  
**To:** Brian Cahoon  
**Subject:** RE: Input

Brian,

Thank you so much for taking the time to review the draft FY2020-2023 TIP proposed project list and providing your feedback. It looks like the street you are referring to is not on the federal aid network, which means it is not eligible for federal transportation funds, and therefore, would not likely be part of our regional transportation improvement program. This street could be improved with local funds though, so I'll forward your comments on to the City of Grand Rapids for their review and consideration. Your feedback will also be documented in an appendix of the TIP document.

Thanks again for your participation in this process!

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**From:** Brian Cahoon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 1:37 PM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** Input

Hi, I'd received a postcard with projects. I'd like to suggest reviewing the condition of Godwin Ave SE between burton to Griswold. The road surface is washing away, nearly all surface near curbs is gone. Please consider. Thanks, BC

**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 9:50 AM  
**To:** Robert Johnson  
**Subject:** RE: M-57 Proposed Passing Lanes

Bob,

Thanks so much for taking the time to review the draft project list for the FY2020-2023 TIP and providing your feedback. I will forward your comments to MDOT for their review and consideration as part of the TIP development process and ask them to follow up with you. Your comments will also be included in an appendix in the TIP document.

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**From:** Robert Johnson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 9:27 AM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** M-57 Proposed Passing Lanes

This letter concerns the proposed passing lanes on M-57 between U S 131 and Greenville. The distance between 131 and Greenville is 15-16 miles, it only takes 20-25 minutes to cross this section of road. What are passing lanes going to accomplish other than people speeding up and trying to pass each other at 75-80 mph then hitting the brakes at the end. Tractor-trailer and passenger vehicle speed limit is 55 mph, passing a tractor-trailer is irrelevant since the speed limit is the same for all vehicles on this road. This isn't a highway where there is a difference in tractor-trailer and passenger vehicle speeds. If this is such a good idea why was the passing lane taken out west of Greenville? How is cross traffic from Berrigan, Farland, Redmond, and Ramsdell Rds. suppose to enter or cross M-57 if vehicles are passing each other at 75-80 mph? This will be more of a safety issue than what already might exist. This section of M-57 is one of the most shaded areas on the south side, which creates black ice conditions throughout this 2 mile stretch. There already are many slide offs through the winter in this area. What will happen when vehicles are trying to pass each other? According to GVMC Maps the Safety Deficiency Rating starts at Ramsdell and goes east, also Volume Over Capacity Rating starts at Ramsdell and goes east. If passing lanes are really needed it seems they should be constructed from Ramsdell eastward. Better flow of traffic can be achieved by installing longer deceleration lanes for right hand turns and pavement on dirt shoulders for left turns at crossroads. This would be far less costly than adding full lanes. Repairing existing roads that are in very poor to dangerous conditions might be more cost efficient. In closing passing lanes will create a far more dangerous safety issue than exists at present. It only takes 20-25 minutes to travel this 15-16 mile stretch of road. Most of the safety issues here are due to lack of patience and distracted driving (phone use).

Pass on to MDOT and feel free to contact on these issues.

Thank You,





**Laurel Joseph**

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**From:** Laurel Joseph  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 12:24 PM  
**To:** K Comeaux  
**Subject:** RE: Segwun Ave Road Project

Kirby,

Thank you so much for participating in this process and sending us your comments and concerns about this project. I will forward your email to the Road Commission for their review and follow up, and it will also be included in an appendix in the TIP document.

Thanks again!

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**From:** K Comeaux [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 17, 2019 11:49 AM  
**To:** Laurel Joseph <[laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)>  
**Subject:** Segwun Ave Road Project

Hello Laurel,

Recently we met and talked at the March 25 TIP meeting that you hosted downtown. As you had recommended, I put together some comments regarding the Segwun Ave project that has been proposed for next year (2020).

Over the last few years, we've had some conversations with the Road Commission when they've been out in Lowell taking care of road repair, etc., and as we understand it, they've said that the project on Segwun is to widen the road from two lanes to three. From the description they've given us so far, we, (along with some of our neighbors on both sides of Segwun) have had some thoughts and concerns. I'm sure they may share theirs, but I'd like to share ours in particular.

For reference, our address is 2525 Segwun, and we're located on the west side of the road, directly across from the intersection of Segwun and Alden Nash. And to try to keep it from being too lengthy, I'll assume you have reference to a map to see what we're describing.

I apologize in advance for it being wordy, but for you and all others who read this, if you can just be patient to track with me, it's really an important situation.

The situation around the intersection area is what we're most concerned about, so here are a few details about it. From just south of the intersection the road begins to descend downhill, with a curve to the left, with limited

sight distance (because of the curve and trees, brush, etc.) and a speed limit change, (which happens just a few feet north of our driveway, while on the slope). The speed limit change is from 55-45 northbound and 45-55 southbound. Also our driveway is located virtually directly across from the intersection.

As I describe some of our concerns (and ideas and possible solutions), I want to preface it by saying that what we want most going forward is to enhance the safety of this area for everyone involved. We know that the situation involves a number of different “players” - local residents on the main road, through-traffic, and that various types of vehicles are being operated through this area. Having said that, we know full well that the big picture of the area and the proposed project isn’t just about us and our wants or needs. I also realize that there are statistics kept regarding crashes, etc., but as a local resident, we also witness a lot of things that are never reported and see a lot of hazards that aren’t able to be tracked in conventional traffic data.

So here are the concerns we have:

### 1. Hill, Curve & Speed Limit-

- With the down-slope of the hill (northbound), the current speed limit changes from 55 mph to 45 mph with traffic already having significant down-hill momentum. Semi trucks consistently rely on compression braking with the grade of this hill.

- Add to it the intersection (Alden Nash & Segwun), the curve and an upcoming traffic light at the bottom of the hill (with another speed reduction to 35 mph just past that light) and you have a very challenging situation at best. It becomes hazardous with wet or contaminated pavement. We regularly see vehicles losing control and spinning out or ending up in the ditch, which often is not reported.

### 2. Driveway Entry / Exit (Affected by Speed Limit and Sight Distance)-

- Currently, we struggle with exiting our driveway due to the curve and the growth of trees and brush, creating a reduced ability to see approaching traffic from both northbound and southbound directions.

- We have a slight advantage of the existing shoulder being wide, but more often than not, we have a very difficult time exiting our driveway due to a combination of southbound traffic turning left onto Segwun (at the intersection) and southbound through traffic passing the left-turn traffic on the right (shoulder) while accelerating with the speed limit change from 45 mph to 55 mph. A side note here: the road markings / striping is consistently worn and non-standard, which creates confusion. But that also seems to encourage drivers to take the liberty of passing on the shoulder, often in a reckless fashion, jeopardizing our safety whenever we’re at the end of the driveway trying to exit onto Segwun / Alden Nash.

- KCRC gave us a little history on why there is such a wide “shoulder” as it was originally intended as a “passing lane” for passing slow trucks climbing that hill. But they began to see the hazardous results of drivers trying to pass trucks and re-striped it, intending to not have a passing lane at all. Despite that, the unintended consequence of passing still occurs, particularly with drivers who are familiar with the area and drive it regularly.

### 3. Driveway Entry / Exit (Affected by the proposed Turn Lane)-

- In speaking with some of the folks at KCRC, they described how the addition of the turn lane would most likely take shape. They described the road being widened and a center turn lane being added from the intersection of Segwun & Alden Nash, northward to the intersection of Segwun and Grand River. They further described that the turn lane at the intersection of Alden Nash & Segwun would have a portion of it dedicated to a left turn onto south-bound Segwun Ave.

- Our concern here is that since our current driveway location is right across from the intersection, it would eliminate driveway access (both entry and exit) to and from the northbound direction of the main road. And it would severely restrict exit access from our driveway even to the southbound direction of the main road, particularly because of the even further limited sight distance of the curve (with the proposed southbound lane being located closer to the driveway) and traffic accelerating (45 to 55) right in front of our driveway.

#### 4. Speed-increase (due to dedicated through lanes on either side of the center turn lane)-

- A few years ago, KCRC re-striped the lines on the main road, adding a “passing” lane on the right hand side of south-bound Segwun / Alden Nash, allowing for a place for traffic to turn left onto Segwun where it splits off from Alden Nash. Almost immediately, we noticed that traffic speed increased with the change in striping. Since the speed limit increases from 45-55 just before the Segwun / Alden Nash intersection, drivers would anticipate that increase and accelerate much earlier than before the striping change. This resulted in reduced sight-distance at our driveway exit and made it nearly impossible for us to even have a *chance* to turn out onto the main road, regardless of direction. (This reiterates what I mentioned in my second item above...)

And here are some of the solution ideas we have:

##### 1. Speed Limit 45 mph:

- As I mentioned before one concern that we have is the hazard of the speed limit changing on the slope of the hill. I'd like to suggest the idea of keeping the speed limit at 45 mph (in both directions) between Grand River Dr and the top of the hill at Alden Nash (just south of the Alden Nash / Segwun Ave intersection), before it starts to slope down towards Lowell. The hope here would be to reduce the incidents and accidents that occur on the slope and give local residents more time to exit their driveways.

##### 2. Road / Lane Striping:

- The idea here is to ensure that the striping is absolutely standard with no ambiguity in interpreting what constitutes a legal lane. As it is now, there is non-standard striping along the west edge of the southbound lane going uphill, which insinuates a passing lane. Coupled with the speed limit increase just before the Alden Nash / Segwun intersection, it's a recipe for disaster with both acceleration and evasion (of the left-turn Segwun traffic). Some drivers interpret the shoulder as a passing lane, and some don't. The ambiguity creates confusion and a hazardous situation for a driver having to make a decision about what to do next, especially when that driver is not a local or a regular who comes through here often and is really familiar.

##### 3. Enforcement:

- Another component that we think needs to be a part of this project is enforcement. Without it, things may not be any less hazardous. However, a local Michigan State Police officer gave me some insight as to the fact that it's currently pretty hazardous to enact any enforcement in this stretch of road. That should tell us how important it is that a lot of consideration be given to how to improve the overall safety of this location as this project goes forward.

- He also gave some insight as to how speed limits are determined. Some of what he described bothered me a little and made it appear that we are now using the typical speeds that people drive to determine what speed limit should be posted. My concern here is that we're letting data drive too much of that and not enough common sense evaluation of the particular situation. If we carry the data-driven plan to its logical full conclusion, why should we even post speed limits if people are going to drive whatever they want? There certainly comes a point where common sense limits need to be imposed and enforced when people don't seem to be capable of making good judgment calls in that particular situation. This stretch of road is one of those cases!

In closing, I really want to reiterate how many of us local residents have strong concerns about the location and its current hazards, and the need to give serious consideration to the big picture of safety as this new project unfolds. It is indisputable that there are some problems and hazards here. This really needs to be taken seriously. We do our community a major disservice if we don't put forth some effort and energy to improve safety.

Laurel, thanks for the opportunity to pass these concerns and ideas along. I appreciate you being willing to forward these along to all the agencies involved in the road project. Both for you and anyone else who reads the comments, you all can feel free to reach out any time if you have questions or want to discuss things. I'll be happy to talk about it, and I would look forward to hearing other ideas, and getting a bigger picture of how all of this works in moving a project like this forward.

Regards,

**Kirby P. Comeaux**  
**Jackson Aviation Services, LLC**

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MARCH 7, 2019

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**Andrea Faber**

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**From:** Grand Valley Metropolitan Council <andrea.faber@gvmc.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2019 8:29 AM  
**To:** Andrea Faber  
**Subject:** We'd like your input on proposed transportation projects in Kent and eastern Ottawa County

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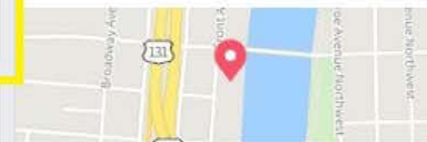


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El Vocero Hispano comunica el fallecimiento de la señora Paulina Suero, madre de nuestro compañero de trabajo y Editor de Deportes Wilson Vargas, en la ciudad de New Bedford, Massachusetts, el día miércoles 13 de marzo.

El equipo de trabajo de nuestra compañía expresa sus condolencias a la familia y eleva una oración por el descanso eterno de su alma.



## Gerardo Martino lanza convocatoria del 'Tri' para enfrentarse a Chile y Paraguay

⇒ Carlos Vela es el gran ausente en la lista de convocados que anunció el técnico argentino Gerardo Martino, en la que destaca el regreso de Luis Montes, para los partidos amistosos frente a Chile y Paraguay.

Un total de 12 jugadores de Europa fueron considerados por el "Tata", en la que está Diego Lainez, mientras que de la Liga Mayor de Fútbol (MLS) de Estados Unidos solo fue llamado

Jonathan Dos Santos.

De la Liga MX destaca que Monterrey aportará a cinco jugadores; el cuadro de Guadalajara tiene a tres y América a dos elementos.

Sobresale que Luis Montes y Miguel Layún no estuvieron en el mini ciclo que realizó el equipo mexicano hace algunas semanas en el Centro de Alto Rendimiento (CAR) de la Federación Mexicana de Fútbol (FMF).

La concentración dará inicio el domingo en el Aeropuerto Internacional de la Ciudad de México y viajarán a San Diego por la tarde.

Los jugadores que están en Europa y en Estados Unidos se incorporarán en suelo californiano.

Tras el juego con Chile que se disputará el viernes, viajará hasta Santa Clara el domingo, donde el martes medirá fuerzas con el "cuadro guaraní".

# GVMC

El Consejo Metropolitano de Grand Valley (GVMC) está buscando comentarios sobre las listas de proyectos en el borrador del año fiscal 2020-2023, Programa de Mejora del Transporte (TIP). El documento TIP describe los proyectos de transporte para los próximos cuatro años. Los proyectos específicos incluyen repavimentación de carreteras, reconstrucción de carreteras, reemplazo de puentes, mejoras de intersecciones, actualizaciones del sistema de transporte inteligente, así como proyectos motorizados y relacionados con el tránsito.  
\* El borrador completo de la lista de proyectos de transporte está disponible en [gvmc.org/tip](http://gvmc.org/tip), junto con el mapa correspondiente.

La reunión pública para discutir el borrador de la lista de proyectos esta programada para:

**Fecha:** Lunes 25 de marzo  
**Hora:** 5:30 pm  
**Lugar:** Rapid Central Station  
250 Grandville Ave SW  
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La reunión también se transmitirá en vivo en la pagina de Facebook de GVMC. MDOT se brindará la oportunidad de comentar sobre el Plan Estatal de Transporte a Largo Plazo (SLRTP) en la reunión.

Si no puede asistir, envíe sus comentarios sobre las listas de proyectos a Laurel Joseph por correo electrónico: [laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org), teléfono: 616.776.7610, o envíelos en línea a [gvmc.org/tip](http://gvmc.org/tip) usando el botón "enviar el comentario" hasta el miércoles 17 de abril. Los comentarios también se pueden enviar por correo GVMC: 678 Front Ave NW \*Suite 200 \* Grand Rapids \* MI \* 49504.

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El aviso público de las actividades de participación pública y el tiempo establecido para la revisión y comentarios sobre el TIP cumplirán con los requisitos del Programa de Proyectos (POP) para la participación pública de la Sección 5307.

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**From:** Andrea Faber  
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GVMC is asking all cities, libraries, townships, and jurisdictions within our MPO area to post the attached flyer at their locations in order to help advertise our upcoming public meeting. At this meeting, we will be reviewing the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process and taking comment on the proposed transportation projects in Kent and eastern Ottawa County between FY2020-2023. Results of our recent environmental justice (EJ) and air quality analysis will also be available at the meeting, and MDOT will be presenting and taking comment on the State Long Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP) as well. For additional details, please see the attached flyer.

If you are unable to print this flyer, please let me know, and we will mail you a copy. If you need us to post this flyer at your location, please let me know, and we will post it at your office. If you have any other comments or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your help in getting the word out about our upcoming public meeting.

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# We'd Like Your Input

## What is the TIP?

The TIP document describes transportation projects for the next four years. Specific projects include road resurfacing, road reconstruction, bridge replacement, intersection improvements, intelligent transportation system upgrades, as well as transit-related and non-motorized projects. However, the inclusion of a specific project does not guarantee construction.



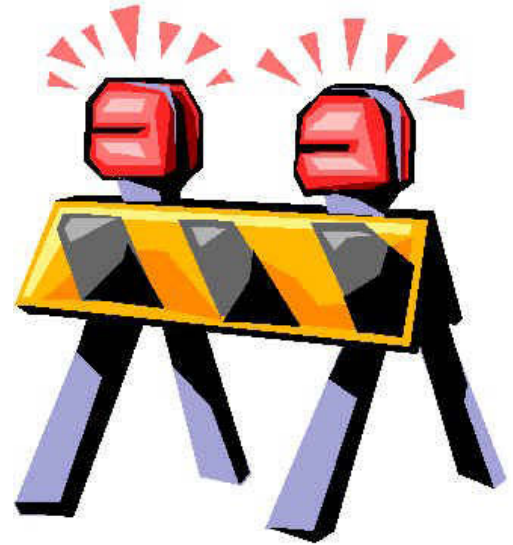
## About GVMC:

GVMC is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for Kent and Eastern Ottawa Counties.

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The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) is seeking comment on the project lists in the draft fiscal year 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

The draft TIP project lists and a corresponding map are available at [gvmc.org/tip](http://gvmc.org/tip) or at GVMC's office. A public meeting to discuss the draft project lists is scheduled for:



**Date:** Monday, March 25  
**Time:** 5:30 pm  
**Place:** Rapid Central Station  
 250 Grandville Ave SW  
 Grand Rapids, MI 49503

If you are unable to attend, written comments will be accepted through Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Please send comments to Laurel Joseph by mail (678 Front Ave NW, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49504), email ([laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org)), call (616) 776-7610, or submit comments online at [gvmc.org/tip](http://gvmc.org/tip) using the "submit a comment" button.

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Monday, March 11, 2019

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## Grand Valley Metro Council Seeks Input on Projects in Draft FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**Grand Rapids, MI** – The Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) is seeking comment on the projects in the draft fiscal year 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) proposed by local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and state and federal transportation officials in accordance with the joint regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These projects include resurfacing and reconstruction, bridge replacement, intersection improvements, intelligent transportation system upgrades, as well as non-motorized and transit projects, totaling approximately \$230 million in local, state, and federal funding. The draft lists of transportation projects are available at [gvmc.org/tip](http://gvmc.org/tip), along with a corresponding map.\*

A public meeting to discuss the proposed projects is scheduled for:

**Date:** Monday, March 25

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Place:** Rapid Central Station

250 Grandville Ave SW

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The meeting will be livestreamed on GVMC's Facebook page and results of GVMC's air quality and environmental justice analyses will also be available. MDOT will provide an opportunity to comment on the State Long Range Transportation Plan (SLRTP) at the meeting as well.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids for services and those in need of translation or interpreter assistance should contact GVMC to request accommodations for the meeting by March 20, 2019.

Comments on the project list should be directed to Laurel Joseph and can be submitted by email: [laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org), phone: (616) 776-7610, or online at [gvmc.org/tip](http://gvmc.org/tip) by using the "submit a comment" button. Comments can also be mailed to GVMC: 678 Front Ave NW • Suite 200 • Grand Rapids • MI • 49504. Comments must be received by Wednesday, April 17, 2019 for consideration.

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Development of the FY2020-2023 TIP to Begin Soon

NOVEMBER 21, 2018

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) is pleased to announce that it will begin developing the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in early December, 2018. Transportation Programming Study Group meetings are scheduled for Monday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 5, and transportation projects will be selected at these meetings. Both meetings will take place at 9:00 am at GVMC. The TIP document describes transportation projects from 2020-2023 within Kent and Eastern Ottawa Counties. Maps of deficient transportation facilities that will be considered for improvement during the TIP development process are available on our [Transportation Improvement Program](#) page. Please stay tuned for information on upcoming public meetings, public comment opportunities, and updates, which will be posted as they occur, and please view our [press release](#) for additional information.

If you have any questions about the TIP process, please email [Laurel Joseph](#), Transportation Planner, or call (616) 776-7610.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids for services and persons requesting translation or interpretation assistance should email [Andrea Faber](#) or call (616) 776-7603.

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### **Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Begins TIP Development Process**

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There will be numerous opportunities for the public to participate in the development of the TIP over the next several months, including submitting comments about proposed projects

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Interested in providing input on transportation priorities for your area for the next several years? Starting in December, GVMC will be developing our next Transportation Improvement Program, which will include transportation projects for FY2020-2023 in Kent and eastern Ottawa County. Check out the link to learn more, and stay tuned for opportunities to get involved in the planning process!  
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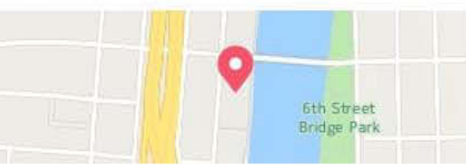
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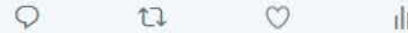
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November 26, 2018

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There will be numerous opportunities for the public to participate in the development of the TIP over the next several months, including submitting comments about proposed projects or transportation priorities and attending public meetings.

All opportunities for public involvement will be listed on [gvmc.org](http://gvmc.org) and on GVMC's Facebook page.

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# Cookie business offers recipe for success

cial enterprise partners with Dégagé Ministries to offer job opportunities for women in crisis.

Michelle Watson  
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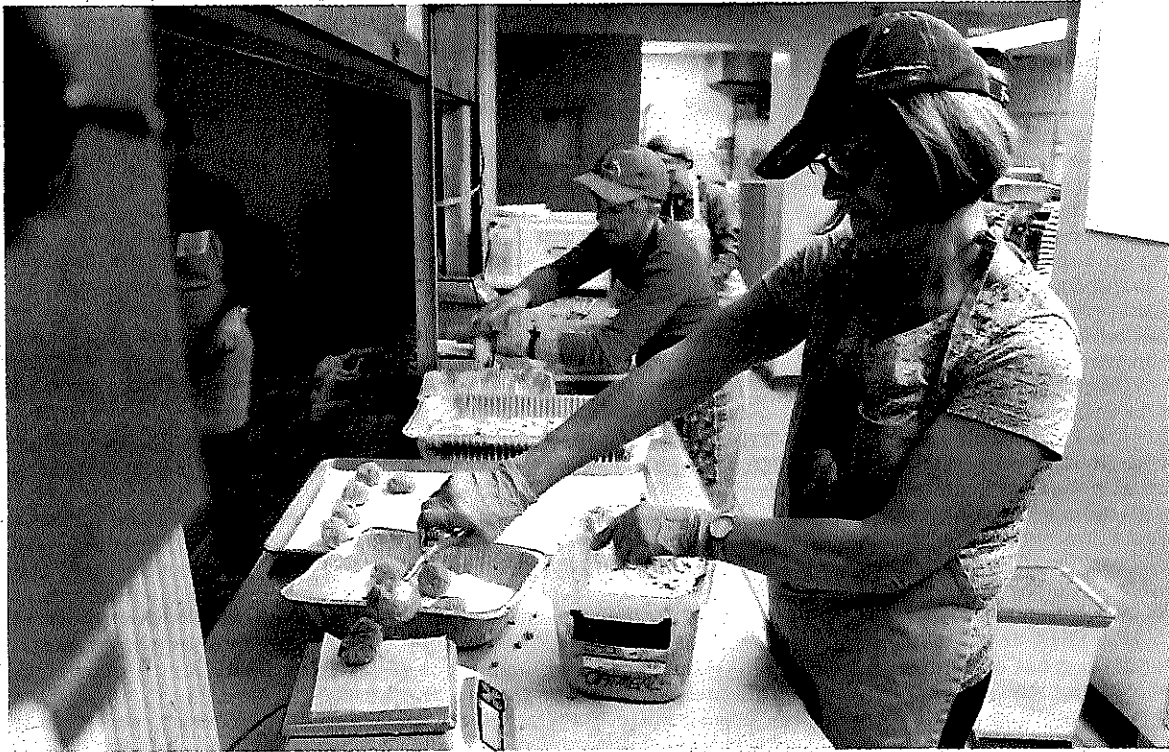
own through the doors of Dégagé Ministries by 50 mph winds and snow last winter, Susan Schnur was "frozen stiff" and needed a place to stay that was off the streets. Little did she know that within five months, she would also have a job as a baker in a newfound family.

Just over a year after coming to Dégagé Ministries, Schnur works full time at Pauls' Moms' Cookies (PMC), a social enterprise bakery founded by Cindy Knappe and Chris Mason, who both have sons with special needs.

PMC — which makes cookies in the kitchens of Dégagé, 144 S. Division Ave., and Trinity United Methodist Church, 1100 Lake Drive SE — is a for-profit business that funnels all of its proceeds into Dégagé's Open Door Women's Center, an overnight shelter for women in crisis that also helps residents set and meet goals for getting back into permanent housing.

Knappe and Mason founded PMC seven years ago. In the beginning, proceeds went to The Anasseh Project, an anti-sex trafficking ministry of Wedgwood Christian Services, then later to a girls school in Sudan. In 2015, the founders formed the now-exclusive partnership with Dégagé.

PMC sells the cookies online at [degagecookies.myshopify.com](http://degagecookies.myshopify.com), as well as at Meijer's Bridge Street Market, Forest Hills Foods and Kingma's Markets in Ada and Plainfield Township.



**VOLUNTEERS LINDA BELGIANO, foreground, and Meri Leidel make cookies on baking day for the social enterprise Pauls' Moms' Cookies. Courtesy Dégagé Ministries**

Cookie varieties currently available include Lemon Cherry Dream, Mint Meltaways, Molasses Ginger, Peanut Butter Chocolate Ganache (gluten-free), Salted Caramel Chocolate Chunk and Oatmeal Berry. Knappe developed the recipes, which she said took "at least" 20 iterations to get just right.

Income from the business has more than doubled since PMC teamed up with Dégagé three years ago. The nonprofit last year appointed Zenobia Taylor-Weiss as the cookie business coordinator to assist the founders. So far, PMC has hired five graduates of the Open Door program and has amassed 20 to 30 volunteers from area churches and the community.

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# Grand Rapids weighs brownfield amendment

Proposed plan would allow investment of \$208K into 16 tax-foreclosed properties.

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The city of Grand Rapids is mulling over a proposed brownfield amendment, allowing for the development of affordable housing in 16 tax-foreclosed properties in the city.

According to an item on the Grand Rapids City Commission agenda dated Nov. 27, the Kent County Treasurer foreclosed on 16 properties for nonpayment of taxes in. The city then acquired 11 of the tax-foreclosed properties from the county for \$136,580 via a property management fund.

The city then conveyed them to the Kent County Land Bank authority — which does business as InnovalaB — under a property transfer and service provision agreement.

Kara Wood, executive director of the Grand Rapids Brownfield

Redevelopment Authority, said InnovalaB will provide certain services for the property, including quieting titles, and is responsible for all aspects of ownership of the property.

The city will re-acquire the properties on completion of all services required under the property transfer agreement and after the city commission considers approval of the brownfield amendment.

Of the 22 properties, 16 have homes and are brownfield eligible. The Brownfield Plan Amendment would allow the BRA to invest approximately \$13,000 into each property, or \$208,000 altogether. Brownfield funding would be used mainly for assisting with lead hazard remediation and/or demolition of existing structures on the property.

According to city documents, the city commission will consider approving funding on Dec. 4, and the city will re-acquire the properties from InnovalaB later in the month.

The Grand Rapids Community Development and Economic Development departments have collaborated on an application that

nonprofit housing developers may submit to acquire the tax-foreclosed properties from the city and to apply for various funding sources, including HOME Investment Partnership funds. City staff will work to develop projects at the individual properties with nonprofit housing development partners.

The Community Development Department also will work to distribute approximately \$370,000 to qualifying projects proposed by developers.

In a memo to the city commission, Wood said while the BRA has sufficient revenues to finance the projects as proposed, this should be viewed as a pilot project, and additional revenues likely will be necessary to sustain a similar program in future years.

According to the terms of each BRA loan, obligation to repay would come only from any tax increment revenues generated by the property between 2020 and 2030. The BRA would subsequently capture tax increment revenues between 2031 and 2035.

The BRA estimates a total tax-increment capture of \$225,740 over a 15-year period.

All 16 tax-foreclosed properties

are located within the Grand Rapids metro area. The properties to be considered for the Brownfield Plan Amendment are:

- 1128 Cora St. NW
- 843 Bristol Ave. NW
- 757 Olympia St. SW
- 524 Bekius Ct. SW
- 1000 Union St. SE
- 1255 Ionia Ave. SW
- 2031 Eastern Ave. NE
- 1264 Jefferson Ave. SE
- 219 Montgomery St. SE
- 1731 Madison Ave. SE
- 937 Grandville Ave. SW
- 808 Sixth St. NW
- 815 Union St. SE
- 817 College Ave. SE
- 719 Prospect Ave. SE
- 1900 Palace Ave. SW

Wood also argued the proposal could help to achieve the city's goals on affordable housing by partnering with InnovalaB and local nonprofits.

The project was presented to the Economic Development Project Development Team on Nov. 13 with an update on progress in developing individual projects. The Brownfield Redevelopment Authority approved and recommended the Brownfield Plan Amendment on Oct. 17.

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 ETE HEALTH HOLDINGS LLC, Live Banking Co., Steinmann's Assessor's No. 32, Lot 838, \$325,000  
 ONE HOMES LLC, United Bank of Michigan, Condo-Vistas at Rivertown Park, \$227,000  
 Sonja et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Wise & Carrier's Alger Park Add, \$269,800  
 William D. et al, PHH Mortgage, Alpine Twp., \$232,000  
 TUR-VENKATARAM, Suhas et al, Michigan Credit Union, Condo-Grand Townhomes, \$205,640  
 Independent Bank, Condo-Belmont's Condominiums, \$850,000  
 Ryan C. et al, Northpointe Bank, Twp., 33-10-12, \$234,650  
 Christopher A. et al, JPMorgan Chase, Solon Twp., 13-10-11, \$205,675  
 GER, Charles C. et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Bella Vista Shores No. 16, Lot \$284,999  
 EN, Nicholas Marvin et al, Churchill gage Corp., Solon Twp., 29-10-11, \$405,000  
 WASH SYSTEMS INC., Old National, Plainfield Twp., 33-8-11, \$387,840  
 Nathan et al, Polaris Home Funding, Cascade Woods No. 5, Lot 112, \$272,000  
 Kevin et al, Fifth Third Mortgage Co., ade Twp., 3-6-10, \$204,040  
 Jason A. et al, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, Condo-Tiger Lily Estates, \$410,000  
 AA & WURN BUILDERS INC., Lake Michigan Credit Union, Heritage Park of ford No. 4, Lot 158, \$245,250  
 William J. et al, Huntington National, Condo-The Rowe, \$400,000  
 SCHOOL INVESTORS LLC, Oetman rating, Avery's Plat of Lowell, Lot 1, \$1,000  
 Ha et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Condo-Rolling Meadows, \$232,500  
 SIMER, James et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Johnson Estates No. 2, Lot 238,000  
 Thu-hien et al, Quicken Loans, wood, 12-6-11, \$256,000  
 Frank H. et al, One Reverse Mortgage, ma Twp., 25-9-11, \$375,000  
 CONSTRUCTION INC., Chemical Jasonville Ridge, Lot 9, \$400,000  
 Christopher M. et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Meyering Lake Drive Est. Lot 247, \$720,000  
 Rachelle et al, United Bank of Michigan, Bowne Twp., 5-5-9, \$213,750  
 LEZ, Bobbi J. et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Chase Farms, Lot 2, \$227,500  
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 RT, Jonathan et al, Independent Bank, town Valley III, Lot 126, \$311,030  
 A, Kenneth et al, West Michigan munity Bank, Rockford, \$375,000  
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 ILL, Marc et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Condo-Sienna Pointe, \$201,600  
 WICZ, David A. Timmons et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Condo-Arthur's m Condominium, \$453,100  
 AR, Spencer S. et al, Mercantile of Michigan, Condo-Russell Ridge, \$1,000  
 Z, Ronald A. et al, Bank of America, Sub, Lot 4, \$540,000  
 HOLDINGS LLC, Schirmer, Grand is, 29-7-11, \$350,000  
 Thomas et al, Chemical Bank, Ottawa Lot 86, \$300,000  
 PERTIES-WEST MAIN STREET LLC, nical Bank, Richard's & Wickham's Lot 1, \$500,000  
 Y ENTERPRISES LLC, Chemical Bank, in Heights, Lot 141, \$464,000  
 D, Mick A. et al, VanDyk Mortgage, Algoma Twp., 33-9-11, \$289,987  
 SMA, Keith et al, Huntington National, Cascade Twp., 11-6-10, \$250,000  
 RD, Steven et al, Loandepot.com, erry Farms IV, Lot 159, \$229,955  
 RLENDE, Trent et al, Old National, Estelle's Add, Lot 154, \$232,750  
 Danielle et al, Churchill Mortgage, Planters Ridge, Lot 8, \$387,600  
 K, Todd A. et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Homes Of Summerwind, Lot 18, \$200,000  
 EAL ESTATE LLC, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, Walker, 8-7-12, \$720,000  
 Nina et al, Commercial Bank, Oakfield 14-9-9, \$236,640  
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 Z, Stephanie Marie et al, Mercantile of Michigan, Condo-Serenity Ridge, \$1,000  
 Michael P. et al, Ark-La-Tex Financial ces, Condo-Dix Farm, \$439,920  
 KIEWICZ, Jennifer et al, AmeriFirst cial Corp., Rockford Highlands No. 2, 4, \$212,720  
 R, Justin J. et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Railside West, Lot 35, \$352,500  
 Benjamin L. et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Masonic Home 2nd Add, Lot 246,750  
 Margarita D. et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Condo-Center Park South, \$298,000

MOULTON, Daniel Russell-Lee et al, Quicken Loans Inc., Condo-The Heathers, \$213,750  
 HILLIS, Jonathan et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Moonlight No. 1, Lot 3, \$216,000  
 LAWRENCE, Joseph S. et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Glen Valley Estates, Lot 57, \$276,844  
 ROERSMA & WURN BUILDERS INC., Lake Michigan Credit Union, Summit Crest, Lot 2, \$279,855  
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 SINGH, Kamaljit et al, Huntington National Bank, Condo-Stonegate of Byron Center, \$292,350  
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 TROWBRIDGE LLC, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, Steinmann's Assessor's Plat No. 28, Lot 714, \$722,020  
 BORTHS, Ryan E. et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Condo-Stoneshire Condominiums, \$348,000  
 ZEINSTR, Steven et al, Nationstar Mortgage, Van Singel Farms No. 2, Lot 41, \$260,000  
 OLIVER-BEHHE, Karen et al, PNC Bank, Condo-West Village Development Site Condo, \$464,000  
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 COLLINGS, Jay M. et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Condo-Squire Estates, \$304,000  
 DYKENS, Nathaniel et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Royal Oak Estates Sub, Lot 48, \$215,910  
 NAGULAPALLY, Abhinav Beeravally et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Condo-Ledgestone, \$203,220  
 STEGEHUIS, James E. et al, Macatawa Bank,

Gains Twp., 15-5-11, \$359,862  
 ROZENDAAL, Lawrence A. et al, Macatawa Bank, Walker, 29-7-12, \$360,000  
 FROST, Jeremy et al, Macatawa Bank, Cascade Twp., 12-6-10, \$450,000  
 FREUND, Kurt M. et al, Macatawa Bank, Condo-River House at Bridgewater Place, \$332,000  
 GUNDARAPU, Sriatha et al, Quicken Loans, Condo-Carlisle Crossings Site Condominiums, \$393,075  
 RASCH, Donald G. et al, ChoiceOne Bank, Tyrone Twp., 21-10-12, \$326,500  
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 CAMPBELL, Shannon et al, Guaranteed Rate, Cannon Twp., 1-8-10, \$288,461  
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 TREETOPS COLLECTIVE, West Michigan Christian Foundation, Gilbert's Sub, Lot 1, \$500,000  
 WILLIAMSON, Timothy S. et al, PNC Bank, McKee's Add, Lot 10, \$220,190  
 HARI, Jacob et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Condo-Troy Farms Site Condominiums, \$299,250  
 WARREN, Joshua et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Condo-Clements Mill, \$275,000  
 JOHNSON, Derek et al, Finance of America Mortgage, Condo-Hunter's Way, \$344,000  
 DAWSON, Gilbert P. et al, Lake Michigan Credit Union, Condo-68 West, \$275,000  
 JOHNSON, Gretchen E. et al, Waterstone

Mortgage Corp., Rivertown No. 3, Lot 97, \$238,000  
 CF DEVELOPMENT LLC, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, Byron Twp., 14-5-12, \$940,000  
 SMITH, Richard P. et al, Mortgage 1, Rock View Estates, Lot 12, \$252,000  
 NEAD, Scott et al, Quicken Loans, Beurnann Sub, Lot 6, \$207,570  
 BEZEMEK, Karen D. et al, First United Credit Union, Gains Twp., 7-5-11, \$247,500  
 KIRKWOOD, Joseph H. et al, Ark-La-Tex Financial Services, Waterford Woods No. 3, Lot 55, \$398,763  
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 JONES, Elmira et al, Carrington Mortgage Services, Johnson Estates No. 7, Lot 165, \$311,557  
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The Rapid is Tweeting about this

#### #mileg

1,479 Tweets

#### #TuesdayThoughts

91K Tweets

#### #LameDuck

WOOD TV8 is Tweeting about this

#### Anthony Mantha

#### #NHLSeattle

Seattle is getting an NHL team

#### Capitol

88.7K Tweets

#### Ryan Day

37.3K Tweets

#### Tariff Man

President Trump dubs himself a 'Tariff Man'

### All Mentions

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In case you missed **GrandRapids Magazine's** Tweet · 3h

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#Hanukkah offers an opportunity for learning & greater understanding! ...



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**GR Business Journal** @grbj · Dec 2

.@GVMC to identify funding needs: Number of road miles in Kent, Ottawa rated 'good' has declined from 481 in 2016 to 297 in 2018. [bit.ly/2KMDSGf](http://bit.ly/2KMDSGf)



In case you missed **City of Grand Rapids's** Tweet · Dec 1

**City of Grand Rapids** @CityGrandRapids

Tis the season! Stop by the Ford Museum for tonight's #holiday kick...



In case you missed **The Rapid's** Tweet · Nov 28

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# Grand Valley Metropolitan Council

Transportation Division

FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Public Meeting

Monday, March 25

Rapid Central Station, 250 Grandville Ave SW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Sign-In Sheet

| NAME                     | ADDRESS | PHONE | EMAIL | JOIN OUR MAILING LIST?              |                          |
|--------------------------|---------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|                          |         |       |       | Yes                                 | No                       |
| MIKE SENDRASIAN          |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| JAN HUISKEN              |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Thomas Kaczok            |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| James Kaczok             |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Kevin Wisselink          |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Daniel Waugh             |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Ben Huisman              |         |       |       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Liz Schelling            |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Arslan Zecic             |         |       |       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Dwight and Joan Jacobson |         |       |       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| KIRBY COMPAUX            |         |       |       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tim Phillip              |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| NAME          | ADDRESS | PHONE | EMAIL | JOIN OUR MAILING LIST?              |                                     |
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|               |         |       |       | Yes                                 | No                                  |
| Roger Swift   |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Jim Morgan    |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| George Yang   |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Andrea Faber  |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Ralph Metcalf |         |       |       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| DENNIS KENT   |         |       |       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Laurel Joseph |         |       |       | <input type="checkbox"/>            | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
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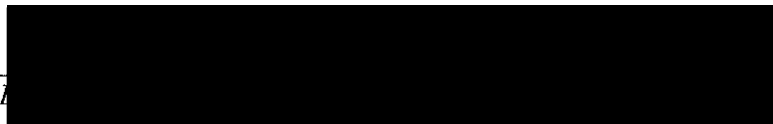


**FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program  
Public Comment Form**

Project: Giddings Ave (Franklin north to Wealthy)

Comments:  
Giddings Street took a beating this winter  
making places along the street dangerously  
treacherous. Pot holes, large pieces of  
concrete in Road. Plus making it difficult  
to maneuver IS it's a 1-way.

Lakiya Jenkins  
 First Name Last Name



1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?  
 Yes  
 No



**FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program  
Public Comment Form**

Project: CycleCity (Hidelings AVE)  
(just a suggested name)

Comments: When I went to visit Chicago  
there was bicycles everywhere, I think  
if we could have that here too we  
could increase accessibility to all  
community members.

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| <u>Fernanda</u>   | <u>Muñoz</u> |
| First Name  | Last Name    |
|   |              |
| <p>1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |              |



### FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Public Comment Form

Project: Davis St NW

Comments: The Area is filled with potholes. It is An  
Area that is Around A Church (St. Adalbert Church) as  
well as a Casino down the street. There is a factory  
(American Seating's) company which some individuals may need  
to take to go to work. Another location that Around  
there is off Broad way apartments & it's near the New  
Embassy Suite. This street should be fixed at least when  
the intersection of Davis and 7th Street is. Tax payers  
Should not had this issue, nor the worry of Damaging  
their cars cause of the Road.

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|---|---------------|
| <u>Alex</u>   | <u>Roldes</u> |
| First Name  | Last Name     |
|   |               |
| <p>1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> |               |

Facebook interface for Grand Valley Metropolitan Council. The page shows a notification for a live video titled "GVMC Draft 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Public Meeting". The video has 66 views and 1 comment. Comments include a thank you from Michael [redacted] and a response from the council.

Left sidebar navigation and promotional tiles:

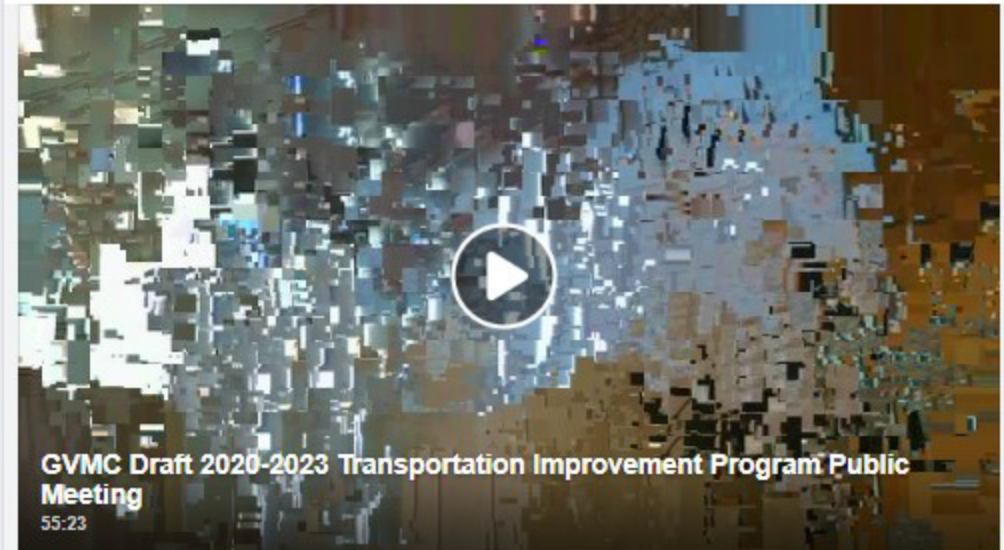
- Notifications (7)
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  - Get Started
- Reach More People Nearby
  - Set your location and reach potential customers in your area.
  - Reach People Nearby
- Get Clicks to Your Website
  - Get the people you care about to visit your website.
  - Promote Website

Recent Mentions

Mention

**GVMC** Grand Valley Metropolitan Council was live. 22 hrs · 🌐

Join our public meeting now!  
Click the URL below to view a copy of the presentation.  
<https://bit.ly/2FyFWAG>



Michael Jendrasiak, Steve Stepek and 3 others 1 Comment 66 Views

Like Comment Share

Write a comment... Press Enter to post.

- Most Relevant
- Michael** [redacted] 2:08 Thanks the wife and I enjoyed the meeting last night... Found it very informative .. Thank's again

Like · Reply · Message · 6h
  - Grand Valley Metropolitan Council** · 7:23 Thanks for joining us, Michael [redacted] We're glad you enjoyed the meeting. Please let us know if we can help answer any transportation-related questions in the future.

Like · Reply · Commented on by Andrea Faber [redacted] · 1h
  - Michael** [redacted] 2:14 Grand Valley Metropolitan Council Will do... Thank's

Like · Reply · Message · 1h
- Write a reply...

Mention

**El Vocero Hispano** March 15 at 12:38 AM · 🌐 Like as Your Page



### FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Public Comment Form

Project: TIP  
2020 Alget St. between Eastern & Madison

Comments:

- ① what is being done, utilities, sewer, water, drainage  
Pavement, curbing, side walks, Time frame
- ② Bike Lane? Not a fan. Money could be better spent  
on the basics. I would like to see the field work up on this.
- ③ Trees Replanted - why plant trees that will  
only grow through the lines, to be cut back,  
and compromised later? Couldn't Millions in  
Arbor Costs be saved by planting trees that  
won't grow past 20 feet or so?

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| <u>DUKANT</u><br>First Name  | <u>JACOBSEN</u><br>Last Name |
| [Redacted Email Address]   |                              |
| <p>1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br/><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |                              |
| <p>2. How did you hear about today's public meeting?</p> <p><u>Post card</u></p>   |                              |





### FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Public Comment Form

Project:

Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP)

Comments:

What effect will this have for me with my address being 3550 Sawwin Ave SE. Widening road, turn lane lane they gonna to reduce the speed from Sawwin to Grand River Also All the truckers and J-Brakes All hours of day. Pull off when turning right on either side of the road.

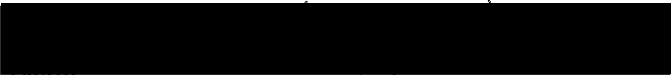
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|---|-----------|
| Theresa   | RACZOK    |
| First Name  | Last Name |
|    |           |
| <p>1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p> |           |
| <p>2. How did you hear about today's public meeting?</p> <p>Post card in mail.</p>  |           |



### FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Public Comment Form

Project: Alger Heights - possible bike paths.

Comments:  
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|--|-------------------------------------|
| <u>Joan</u><br><i>First Name</i>   | <u>Jacobsen</u><br><i>Last Name</i> |
|   |                                     |
| <i>Address</i>   |                                     |
| 1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?                                   |                                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes  |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No  |                                     |
| 2. How did you hear about today's public meeting?                                    |                                     |
| <u>my husband.</u>   |                                     |
|  |                                     |



### FY 2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program Public Comment Form

Project:

68<sup>TH</sup> ST. BETWEEN PLASTER CREEK + HARMON LAKE

Comments:

IS THIS GOING TO BE 2 LANES OR 1 LANE EACH  
DIRECTION WITH A CENTER TURN LANE? 1 LANE IS  
PREFERRED. WORRIED ABOUT LOSING LAND AND EFFECT  
ON PROPERTY TAXES.

FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US.

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| MIKE   | JENDRASIAH |
| First Name   | Last Name  |
| JAM  | HUSKEN     |
|  |            |
| 1. Would you like to be added to our mailing list?                     |            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No |            |
| 2. How did you hear about today's public meeting?                      |            |
| CARD IN THE MAIL   |            |

# Franklin - <sup>Remain</sup> public comment

## - Alger Street

- concerned about utilities
- want to see evidence for the bike lane
- want to know the cost of the bike lane
  - specifically → could be used for pot holes
- when's the cutoff to decide about the bike lane
- cutting mature trees for power lines
  - ↳ arborist expense
  - ↳ consider shorter flowering trees

## ◦ Seguin project in Lowell

- ↳ when will they be releasing more details
- ↳ public meeting at Lowell trip?

# Public Participation Summary Report

## Public Outreach Strategy and Tools Used

Per GVMC's Public Participation Plan (PPP), we reached out to the public at three different milestone points during the development of the TIP, which included:

1. The kickoff to the TIP's development
2. Draft project lists, environmental justice, and air quality results completed and available for public comment
3. Adoption of draft document

### *(1) Kickoff to TIP Development*

We notified the public that GVMC would begin developing the FY2020-2023 TIP in December 2018 in the following ways:

- Posting a notice on gvmc.org under "Latest Developments" and on the TIP page on November 21, 2018
- Posting on GVMC's Twitter and Facebook page, which the Rapid and Linc Up also shared with their audiences
- Sending an email through MailChimp to 1,736 people on GVMC's Interested Citizen/Agency list on Monday, November 26
- Sending a press release to the local media on Monday, November 26

The ads notified the public that the TIP development process would begin with two Transportation Programming Study Group (TPSG) meetings scheduled for Monday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 5. The purpose of these meetings was to select projects for the FY2020-2023 TIP. Notices and agendas for all Transportation Programming Study Group meetings were also posted on GVMC's website in a timely manner.

### *(2) Draft project lists, environmental justice, and air quality results completed and available for public comment*

Once this milestone was reached, GVMC Staff notified the public that the draft fiscal year FY2020-2023 TIP project lists were available for public comment and invited the public to join GVMC staff to discuss the TIP development process, project lists, the environmental justice analysis, and results of the air quality analysis at a public meeting on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Rapid Central Station. The meeting was also livestreamed for the convenience of those unable to attend in person.

We notified the public of the meeting and the comment period in the following ways:

- Posting a notice on the Latest Developments and TIP pages on gvmc.org on March 7
- Posting notices on GVMC's Twitter and Facebook pages on March 11
- Sharing our Facebook posts with the Rapid and Linc Up to share with their audiences
- Sending an email to 2,158 individuals on the Interested Citizen/Agency List on March 11
- Sending a press release to GVMC's media contacts on March 11
- Placing ads in two local papers on Friday, March 15, 2019: El Vocero and The Grand Rapids Times
- Distributing flyers advertising the public comment period and the public meeting to all libraries and jurisdictions within the MPO area

We ensured that the draft project lists were accessible to the public by placing them on [gvmc.org](http://gvmc.org) along with an interactive map. We asked the public to provide comments on the document by Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Thirteen members of the public and several staff members from GVMC and MDOT attended the March 25th public meeting, where staff made a brief presentation of the draft TIP list of projects and deficient road segments, explained the corresponding maps and the TIP development process, went over the Environmental Justice and air quality analyses, and answered any questions that were brought up. Three individuals livestreamed the meeting.

Prior to this meeting, staff conducted an Environmental Justice (EJ) analysis, and as a result, sent 12,863 direct mail informational postcards to residents on March 11, which informed them that their home or business may be impacted by a transportation improvement project scheduled to take place in their area between 2020 and 2023. The postcard also included an invitation to the March 25<sup>th</sup> public meeting and notified the public that the comment period would conclude on April 17, 2019.

### *(3) Adoption of Draft Document*

Once the draft TIP document was complete, GVMC staff brought it to the Technical and Policy Committees and GVMC board for approval. Public comment opportunities were available at all three committee meetings. The public was notified that the TIP was being approved by an announcement on the Latest Developments and TIP pages on [gvmc.org](http://gvmc.org) and by announcements on GVMC's Twitter and Facebook pages, which were also shared with the Rapid and Linc Up. All notices were posted on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

No members of the public attended the Tech or Policy Committee or the GVMC Board meetings.

### **Comments and Responses**

Throughout the course of the development of the TIP, staff received 16 phone calls, 20 emails, and 13 consultation responses. Comments were responded to in the manner in which they were received. For instance, emailed comments received emailed replies, while comments that the public phoned in were recorded by hand and responded to verbally. Many of the comments were directed to the responsible jurisdiction as well.

### **Public Participation Tools Used**

GVMC staff utilized the following public participation tools to reach the public:

- (1) GVMC's website: [www.gvmc.org](http://www.gvmc.org)
- (2) Newspaper ads in [The Grand Rapids Times](#) and [El Vocero](#)
- (3) Informational emails sent to our Interested Citizen/Agency List
- (4) Direct mail postcards to citizens whose addresses were flagged during our EJ analysis
- (5) Flyers sent to local jurisdictions and libraries for posting
- (6) GVMC's social media pages (Facebook and Twitter), as well as The Rapid and Linc Up's Facebook page
- (7) Press releases to the local media

### **Members of the Public Reached**

[El Vocero](#) circulation: print—5,000-8,000; web—between 1,500 – 3,000 reached daily; and Facebook—over 11,000 local followers. All ads are included in social media posts.

[The Grand Rapids Times](#) circulation: 6,000

Current Members of the Interested Citizen/Agency List: 2,221

Number of libraries within the MPO area that received flyers for posting: 32

Number of jurisdictions (cities, agencies, townships, etc.) within the MPO area that posted flyers: 47

Web impressions: 9,857 unique visits between November 21, 2018 (the date our first web ad was posted) and May 15, 2019 (the date the draft TIP was approved at the Policy Committee). Of these, 5,856 visits were to our Home page (where “latest developments” are posted, and 2,370 were to our TIP page).

GVMC Facebook “likes”: 484 likes and 513 follows

Twitter Followers: 17

The table below shows the estimated number of people reached through our social media, email and web campaigns

|                        | Page Views | Facebook Reach | Twitter Impressions | Emails Opened | Total |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|-------|
| <b>Milestone 1 Ads</b> | 76         | 1,136          | 113                 | 461 (27.6%)   | 1,325 |
| <b>Milestone 2 Ads</b> | 48         | 2,285          | 61                  | 469 (22.7%)   | 2,394 |
| <b>Milestone 3 Ads</b> | 12         | 1,770          | 39                  | NA            | 1,821 |

The table below shows the engagement rates of our email and social media campaigns.

|                        | Facebook Likes, Comments and Shares | Facebook Post Clicks | Twitter Engagements | Emails Clicked |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| <b>Milestone 1 Ads</b> | 17                                  | 34                   | 1                   | 29             |
| <b>Milestone 2 Ads</b> | 31                                  | 52                   | 1                   | 70             |
| <b>Milestone 3 Ads</b> | 32                                  | 104                  | 2                   | NA             |

*(see below for additional information)*

Post Details
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**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council**

Published by Andrea Faber [?] · November 21, 2018 · 🌐

Interested in providing input on transportation priorities for your area for the next several years? Starting in December, GVMC will be developing our next Transportation Improvement Program, which will include transportation projects for FY2020-2023 in Kent and eastern Ottawa County. Check out the link to learn more, and stay tuned for opportunities to get involved in the planning process! <https://www.gvmc.org/.../development-of-the-fy2020-2023-tip-t...>

GVMC.ORG

**Development of the FY2020-2023 TIP to Begin Soon**

Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (GVMC) is pleased to announce that it will begin developing the FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement...

✔ **Get More Likes, Comments and Shares**  
Boost this post for \$30 to reach up to 6,200 people.

1,136 people reached

Boost Post

Steve Stepek, Nate Goolsby and 3 others

5 Shares

👍 Like
💬 Comment
↪ Share
⋮

**Performance for Your Post**

**1,136** People Reached

**17** Likes, Comments & Shares 📈

|                   |                  |                    |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| <b>12</b> Likes   | <b>5</b> On Post | <b>7</b> On Shares |
| <b>0</b> Comments | <b>0</b> On Post | <b>0</b> On Shares |
| <b>5</b> Shares   | <b>5</b> On Post | <b>0</b> On Shares |

**34** Post Clicks

|                      |                       |                          |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>0</b> Photo Views | <b>12</b> Link Clicks | <b>22</b> Other Clicks 📈 |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|

**NEGATIVE FEEDBACK**

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>1</b> Hide Post      | <b>0</b> Hide All Posts |
| <b>0</b> Report as Spam | <b>0</b> Unlike Page    |

Reported stats may be delayed from what appears on posts

Post Details
✕

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council**

Published by Mailchimp [?] · March 11 · 🌐

We'd like your input on proposed transportation projects in Kent and eastern Ottawa County - <https://mailchi.mp/.../wed-like-your-input-on-proposed-transp...>

MAILCHI.MP

**We'd like your input on proposed transportation projects in Kent and eastern Ottawa County**

✔ **Get More Likes, Comments and Shares**  
Boost this post for \$30 to reach up to 6,200 people.

2,285 people reached

Boost Post

Charlene Ellens

14 Shares

👍 Like
💬 Comment
↪ Share
⋮

**Performance for Your Post**

**2,285** People Reached

**31** Likes, Comments & Shares 📈

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|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| <b>17</b> Likes   | <b>1</b> On Post  | <b>16</b> On Shares |
| <b>0</b> Comments | <b>0</b> On Post  | <b>0</b> On Shares  |
| <b>14</b> Shares  | <b>14</b> On Post | <b>0</b> On Shares  |

**52** Post Clicks

|                      |                       |                          |
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| <b>0</b> Photo Views | <b>29</b> Link Clicks | <b>23</b> Other Clicks 📈 |
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**NEGATIVE FEEDBACK**

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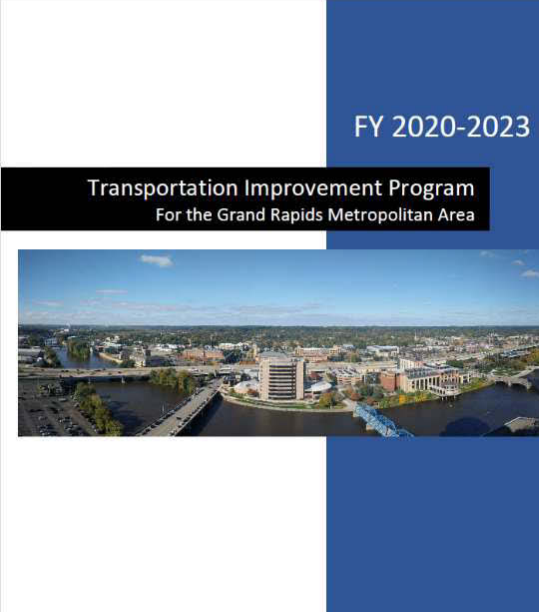
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Post Details

**Grand Valley Metropolitan Council**  
Published by Andrea Faber (?) - April 24 · 🌐

The draft FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is complete and open for public comment! There will be opportunities for the public to comment on the draft TIP document at our May Technical and Policy Committee meetings and our June Board meeting. Times and dates for the meetings, as well as links to the draft document, project lists, appendices, and an interactive map, as well as information on how to provide comments, are available on our TIP page. We look forward to hearing from you! <https://www.gvmc.org/tip>



**FY 2020-2023**  
**Transportation Improvement Program**  
For the Grand Rapids Metropolitan Area



**Performance for Your Post**

**1,770** People Reached

**32** Reactions, Comments & Shares 🗨️

|                      |                     |                        |
|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| <b>20</b><br>Like    | <b>5</b><br>On Post | <b>15</b><br>On Shares |
| <b>1</b><br>Love     | <b>0</b><br>On Post | <b>1</b><br>On Shares  |
| <b>2</b><br>Comments | <b>0</b><br>On Post | <b>2</b><br>On Shares  |
| <b>9</b><br>Shares   | <b>9</b><br>On Post | <b>0</b><br>On Shares  |

**104** Post Clicks

|                         |                          |                              |
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| <b>9</b><br>Photo Views | <b>20</b><br>Link Clicks | <b>75</b><br>Other Clicks 🗨️ |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|

**NEGATIVE FEEDBACK**

|                         |                         |
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| <b>0</b> Hide Post      | <b>0</b> Hide All Posts |
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### Tweet Activity



**GVMC @GVMC**  
 GVMC Begins Development of FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program - <https://mailchi.mp/723b26edbb33/gvmc-begins-development-of-fy2020-2023-transportation-improvement-program> ...  
<pic.twitter.com/N953P4fq0D>

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| Impressions       | 113 |
| Total engagements | 1   |
| Link clicks       | 1   |

### Tweet Activity

**GVMC @GVMC**  
 We'd like your input on proposed transportation projects in Kent and eastern Ottawa County - <https://mailchi.mp/3bc74de05621/wed-like-your-input-on-proposed-transportation-projects-in-kent-and-eastern-ottawa-county> ...

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Impressions       | 61 |
| Total engagements | 1  |
| Link clicks       | 1  |

### Tweet Activity

**GVMC @GVMC**  
 GVMC's Draft FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which contains transportation projects for the Grand Rapids area for those four years, is complete and open for public comment! To view the document and provide comment, please visit: <https://www.gvmc.org/tip>

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Impressions       | 39 |
| Total engagements | 2  |
| Link clicks       | 2  |

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# Transportation Improvement Program

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) identifies proposed projects developed by local agencies in accordance with the joint regulations of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). These regulations establish the TIP as the programming phase of the overall continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3C) planning process. This planning process includes local jurisdictions, transit agencies, and state and federal transportation officials. All federal monies returned to the Grand Rapids metro area from the federal fuel tax are distributed through this process.

Public notice of public participation activities and time established for public review of and comments on the TIP will satisfy the Program of Projects (POP) requirements for Section 5307 public involvement.

## FY2020-2023 TIP Development Updates

**DRAFT FY2020-2023 TIP UPDATE: THE DRAFT FY2020-2023 TIP IS COMPLETE AND OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.**

**There will be opportunities for the public to comment on the TIP at the following meetings:**

### Technical Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 1  
9:30 am  
Kent County Road Commission  
1500 Scribner Ave, NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Policy Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, May 15  
9:30 am  
Kent County Road Commission  
1500 Scribner Ave, NW  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

GVMC Board Meeting  
Thursday, June 6  
8:30 am  
Kent County Commission Chambers  
300 Monroe Ave NW, Room 310  
Grand Rapids, Michigan

*Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services and those requiring interpreter or translation assistance should contact GVMC at least four working days before the scheduled meetings.*

The draft TIP document describes transportation priorities for the next four years and includes feedback received from the consultation and public involvement processes and information regarding the Environmental Justice (EJ) analysis.

If you wish to comment on the draft document but are unable to attend one of these meetings, comments will be accepted up until GVMC's Board meeting on Thursday, June 6. Links to the draft document, appendices, project lists, and an interactive map are available below. Hard copies of the document are available upon request at GVMC's offices, located at 678 Front Avenue NW, Suite 200, Grand Rapids, MI, 49504. If you would like more information about the TIP document, or to submit comments about it, please contact Laurel Joseph by phone at (616) 776-7610, e-mail [laurel.joseph@gvmc.org](mailto:laurel.joseph@gvmc.org), or mail your correspondence to GVMC's office (see address above). Comments can also be submitted by using the "Submit a Comment" button above.

[Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Document \(without appendices\)](#)  
[Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Project List](#)  
[Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Illustrative List of Projects \(currently unfunded\)](#)  
[Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Appendix A](#)  
[Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Appendix B](#)  
[Draft FY2020-2023 TIP Appendix C-I](#)

**Public Involvement, Consultation, and Environmental Justice (EJ) Schedule for the FY2020-2023 TIP**

February 1 - April 17



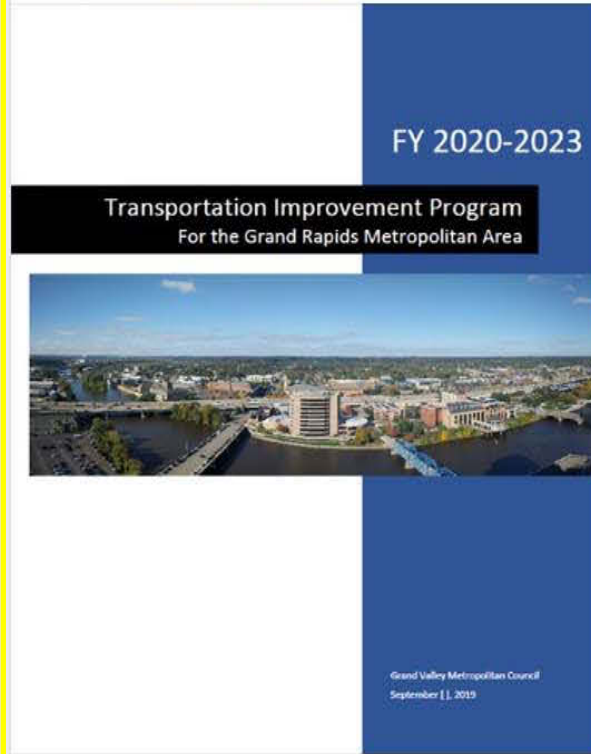
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The draft FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is complete and open for public comment! There will be opportunities for the public to comment on the draft TIP document at our May Technical and Policy Committee meetings and our June Board meeting. Times and dates for the meetings, as well as links to the draft document, project lists, appendices, and an interactive map, as well as information on how to provide comments, are available on our TIP page. We look forward to hearing from you! <https://www.gvmc.org/tip>



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GVMC's Draft FY2020-2023 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which contains transportation projects for the Grand Rapids area for those four years, is complete and open for public comment! To view the document and provide comment, please visit:



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